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PARIS FOR SMITH AND NYE

E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, TECH, ENRG, JA  
SUBJECT: INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON THIRD ROUND OF REPROCESSING TALKS

1. ATOMIC ENERGY BUREAU DIREGN YAMANO REQUESTED MEETING WITH  
EMBOFF TO FOLLOW UP ON 7/26 MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD  
AND MINISTER UNO (REPORTED SEPTTEL).

2. YAMANO ASKED THAT EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN DEPT.'S POSITION  
ASAP ON FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

A. IT IS GOJ'S INTENTION NOT RPT NOT TO ATTEMPT TO FIND  
RESOLUTION OF ARTICLE 8C ISSUE DURING THIRD ROUND. A COMPROMISE  
WHICH PUTS OFF ISSUE TO LATER TIME WILL BE SOUGHT. IF NEGOTIA-  
TIONS ARE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED IN TOKYO, IT WOULD BE GOJ'S  
INTENTION TO PROPOSE DRAFIN OF A JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT IN  
WASHINGTON, WITH MR. UNO GOING TO WASHINGTON FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT COMPLETED, THEN FOURTH ROUND WOULD BE  
HELD IN WASHINGTON WITH MR. UNO HEADING JAPANESE DELEGA-  
TON.

B. REFERRING TO MR. UNO'S REMARKS ABOUT PLUTONIUM RE-  
CYCLE IN LWR'S (SEPTTEL), GOJ WILL TAKE POSITION IN THIRD  
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ROUND THAT IT WILL NOT PROCEED WITH COMMERCIAL USE OF PU  
RECYCLE BUT WISHES TO CONTINUE R&D FOR NEXT TEN YEARS OR  
SO. R&D WOULD CONSIST OF HAVING LIMITED NUMBER OF PWR  
AND BWR FUEL BUNDLES FABRICATED AND IRRADIATED IN NUCLEAR  
POWER PLANTS, FOLLOWED BY POST-IRRADIATION EXAMINATION.  
SUCH FUEL ASSEMBLIES ALREADY HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY GE  
FOR USE IN TSURUGA BWR, AND WESTINGHOUSE IS PREPARED TO

FABRICATE ASSEMBLIES FOR USE IN MIHAMA PWR. JAPAN HAS NO FACILITY TO FABRICATE MOX FUEL FOR PU RECYCLE, WOULD NOT INTEND TO CONSTRUCT ONE FOR NEXT TEN YEARS AT LEAST, AND WOULD EMPLOY FOREIGN CONTRACTORS FOR TEST FABRICATION. AMOUNT OF PU INVOLVED WOULD BE SMALL, SINCE PU CONCENTRATION IN FUEL IS LESS THAN ONE PERCENT HM.

C. GOJ DOES NOT INTEND TO BRING UP MB-10 ISSUE AT NEGOTIATIONS AND IS WILLING TO DEFER THAT SUBJECT FOR A FUTURE TIME, MAKING IT INDEPENDENT OF TOKAI MURA PROBLEM.

3. YAMANO ALSO REPORTED THAT MWGOJ HAD LEARNED FROM PARIS THAT THERE WAS POSSIBILITY THAT PHILLIP FARLEY WOULD COME TO TOKYO NEXT WEEK AS PRELIMINARY STEP TO THIRD ROUND. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT AND COULD NOT COMMENT.

4. SUBSEQUENT TO MEETING WITH YAMANO, EMBASSY LEARNED FROM MOFA THAT UN BUREAU DIRGEN OKAWA HAD ASKED AMB. SMITH AND DR. NYE TO CONSIDER SENDING A USG REPRESENTATIVE TO TOKYO TO HEAR OUTCOME OF GOJ'S STUDY OF TOKAI MURA REPORT, WITH THE IDEA THAT THIS INFO COULD BE FACTORED INTO PRESIDENTIAL DECISION-MAKING. MOFA OFFICIAL STATED THAT SMITH AND NYE HAD EXPRESSED SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT SENDING SOMEONE, ON BASIS THAT MOMENTUM OF CURRENT NEGOTIATION PLAN MIGHT BE LOST, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT WOULD TRY TO MAKE MR. FARLEY AVAILABLE IF GOJ REQUESTED HIS DISPATCH. WHEN DCM LEARNED OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, HE CALLED MOFA TO EXPRESS HIS OWN VIEW THAT SUCH A VISIT COULD WELL BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, IN THAT THIRD ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WAS TO BE VENUE FOR EXCHANGE OF GOVERNMENTAL POSITIONS (WITH US SIDE BASING ITS POSITION ON PRESIDENTIAL DECISION), AND UNILATERAL COMMUNICATION OF GOJ STANCE TO USG MIGHT FORCE USG TO REEVALUATE STUDY ALREADY DONE, DELAY SUBMITTING OPTIONS TO PRESIDENT, AND TO POSTPONE PREVIOUSLY AGREED FACE-TO-FACE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS. DCM POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS JAPAN THAT WISHED TO REACH SOLUTION TO TOKAI MURA ISSUE AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME AND THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW UNILATERAL PRESENTATION OF GOJ POSITION WOULD SERVE TO ACCELERATE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. MOFA OFFICIAL REPLIED THAT FINAL DECISION TO INVITE MR. FARLEY TO TOKYO HAD NOT BEEN MADE AND THAT DCM'S VIEWS WOULD BE CONVEYED TO MR. OKAWA IN PARIS SOONEST.

5. REQUEST REPLY ASAP TO POINTS RAISED BY GOJ PARA 2 ABOVE.  
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